

**COMMITTEE MINUTES for  
TRANS., INFRASTRUCT. & CAPITALS  
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

**Date:** March 20, 2002

**Place:** Supreme Court Room

**Convened:** 9:38 AM

**Recessed:**

**Reconvened:**

**Adjourned:** 11:05 AM

**Present:** Senators Jensen-CH, Lamberti-VC, Soukup-RM, Connolly, McKibben  
Representatives Gipp-CH, Weidman-VC, Cohoon-RM, Fallon, Huseman, Kuhn, Rayhons, Rekow,  
Warnstadt

**Absent:**

**Excused:**

Chairman Gipp called the meeting to order and roll was taken. Minutes from the March 19, 2002 meeting were approved after correction of the day of the tour of the new Judicial Building.

Chairman Gipp then introduced Richard Margulies, contractor for the Capitol Complex Parking

Structure. He updated the committee on the progress of the parking ramp and pointed out that the State could save approximately \$1.4 million by completing the 873-space parking ramp now rather than adding on more spaces later and only construct 494 spaces at this time. There were questions from the floor and discussion with regard to completing the 873-space ramp now.

Chairman Gipp then introduced Owen Newlin, President of the Board of Regents, who in turn introduced Greg Nichols. Mr. Nichols discussed updates from the funds approved last year to the Board and presented the FY 03 budget requests. There were questions taken from the floor.

Patricia Ohlerking of the Department of Cultural Affairs was then introduced and she discussed the Historic Site Preservation Program, distributing a handout which illustrated grant amounts throughout Iowa for the preservation of historic sites. There were questions taken from the floor. A representative from the Historical Building presented a brief slide show of the procedures being done on the battle flag preservations. Senator Jensen reminded the committee members that they could take a tour of the facility and see the actual restoration by arranging for a tour.

Chairman Gipp then turned over the meeting to Senator Jensen for the transportation bill presentation. Representative Gipp reviewed the proposed transportation subcommittee bill, TLSB 6023JA. Amendment 6023JA.704 was offered by Representative Gipp and after discussion, was adopted, short form.

Representative Warnstadt presented amendment 6023JA.901. After discussion and upon request, Short Form vote was requested and the amendment passed.

Representative Rayhons presented amendment 6023JA.201 and turned the amendment over to Representative Warnstadt for discussion. Upon request, Short Form vote was taken and the amendment passed.

Senator Soukup presented amendment 6023JA.202, which would put funding from the general fund back into the bill for airports and rail assistance. There were comments and discussion from the committee and closing remarks made by Senator Soukup. A roll call vote was requested as follows and voting was as follows: Senators Jensen, Lamberti, and McKibben voted nay; Senators Soukup and Connolly voted aye. Representatives Gipp, Weidman, Fallon, Huseman, Rayhons, and Rekow voted nay and Representatives Cohoon, Kuhn, and Warnstadt voted aye. The amendment was defeated, 9 to 5.

Representative Gipp then gave closing remarks on the bill and roll call vote was taken as follows: Senators Jensen, Lamberti, Connolly, and McKibben voted aye; Representatives Gipp, Weidman, Cohoon, Fallon, Huseman, Rayhons, Rekow, and Warnstadt voted aye. Senator Soukup and Representative Kuhn did not vote. The bill was passed out of committee.

Representative Gipp then reminded the members that Thursday's meeting would begin at 9:30 AM and a tour of the new Judicial Building would be taken for any one who is interested.

There being no further business, Senator McKibben moved to adjourn.

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Representative Chuck Gipp, Chairman

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Linda Gesling, Committee Secretary